



an error correction decoder operable to trellis decode the second data stream.

14. A signal transmission apparatus for transmitting a VSB signal, for use with a source signal having a first data stream and a second data stream, said signal transmission apparatus comprising:

an error correction encoder operable to trellis encode the second data stream;

a modulator operable to modulate the first data stream and the second data stream, such that the number of signal points of the first data stream in a signal space is different from the number of signal points of the second data stream in the signal space and such that the first data stream has data for demodulation including synchronization data allocated at predetermined equal intervals, to produce a VSB modulation signal, said modulator comprising an allocator operable to allocate code points along a uniaxial modulation coordinate system, and a filter, having a plurality of coefficients which are a series of impulse responses defined by plotting time base responses to the VSB modulation signal along the in-phase axis and its orthogonal axis, operable to filter a series of the code points allocated along the uniaxial modulation coordinate system; and

a transmitter operable to transmit the VSB modulation signal.

15. A signal reception apparatus comprising:

a receiver operable to receive a transmitted VSB modulation signal having information of a first data stream and a second data stream, wherein the number of signal points of the first data stream assigned in a signal space is different from the number of signal points

of the second data stream in the signal space, and the first data stream has data for demodulation including synchronization data allocated at predetermined equal intervals;

a demodulator operable to demodulate the VSB modulation signal into the first and second data streams, and to demodulate the second data stream according to the data for demodulation in the first data stream; and

an error correction decoder operable to trellis decode the second data stream.

16. A signal transmission and reception method for transmitting and receiving a VSB signal, said transmission and reception method being for use with a source signal having a first data stream and a second data stream, said transmission and reception method comprising:

trellis encoding the second data stream;

modulating the first data stream and the second data stream to produce a VSB modulation signal such that the number of signal points of the first data stream in a signal space is different from the number of signal points of the second data stream in the signal space and such that the first data stream has data for demodulation including synchronization data allocated at predetermined equal intervals;

allocating code points along a uniaxial modulation coordinate system;

filtering, with a filter having a plurality of coefficients which are a series of impulse responses defined by plotting time base responses to the VSB modulation signal along the in-phase axis and

its orthogonal axis, a series of the code points allocated along the uniaxial modulation coordinate system;

transmitting the VSB modulation signal;

receiving the transmitted VSB modulation signal;

demodulating the VSB modulation signal into the first and second data streams, and demodulating the second data stream according to the demodulation information in the first data stream;  
and

trellis decoding the second data stream.

17. A signal transmission method for transmitting a VSB signal, for use with a source signal having a first data stream and a second data stream, said signal transmission method comprising:

trellis encoding the second data stream;

modulating the first data stream and the second data stream, such that the number of signal points of the first data stream in a signal space is different from the number of signal points of the second data stream in the signal space and such that the first data stream has data for demodulation including synchronization data allocated at predetermined equal intervals, to produce a VSB modulation signal;

allocating code points along a uniaxial modulation coordinate system;

filtering, with a filter having a plurality of coefficients which are a series of impulse responses defined by plotting time base responses to the VSB modulation signal along the in-phase axis and its orthogonal axis, a series of the code points allocated along the uniaxial modulation coordinate system; and

transmitting the VSB modulation signal.

18. A signal reception method comprising:

receiving a transmitted VSB modulation signal having information of a first data stream and a second data stream, wherein the number of signal points of the first data stream assigned in a signal space is different from the number of signal points of the second data stream in the signal space, and the first data stream has data for demodulation including synchronization data allocated at predetermined equal intervals;

demodulating the VSB modulation signal into the first and second data streams, and demodulating the second data stream according to the demodulation information in the first data stream;  
and

trellis decoding the second data stream.--